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For: **TIGHTENING BAND AND TIGHTENING BAND PRODUCING
METHOD**

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: